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SUBJECT: **HEALTH AUTHORITY LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE (HALT)**

This is to provide you with a summary of HALT activities during the month of February 2008.

In the First District, HALT conducted an investigation of an individual who was injecting and medically treating patients without a license. HALT also assisted the California Department of Justice (DOJ) with an operation that resulted in multiple arrests as part of a major Medi-Cal fraud investigation.

In the Second District, HALT and investigators from the District Attorney's office served search warrants at the residence and business of an individual posing as a State CPR inspector. HALT arrested the suspect, who was targeting medical providers as part of a scheme in which he conducted "inspections" and intimidated providers into buying medical equipment from his company.

In the Third District, HALT served an arrest warrant at the residence of a third suspect in the on-going investigation of a chain of medical clinics that were operated by an unlicensed individual. In a separate investigation, HALT arrested an individual that was distributing illicit pharmaceuticals, after a traffic stop uncovered a large quantity of pharmaceuticals in the trunk of his car.

The following is a summary of arrests made by HALT during this period.

February 2008	
Illicit Pharmaceuticals/Unlicensed Doctor	3
Other	1
Assists	5
Total	**8**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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